

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
YOUTH LINK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 14, 2012
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall
Room 1E-112
Bellevue, WA

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chairs Michelle Mattson-Hamilton and Jenny Kim,
Boardmembers Annie Cheng, Xiaoning Jiang, Chris Marks, Brian McDonald, Angela Navas

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmember Olivia Gonzalez, Ryley Martin¹

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Po Bodin

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Alina, Helena Stephens

OTHERS PRESENT: Christina Huang, Julia Liu, Max Navas, Alex Tang, Jenny Wang,
Viktoria Zlatinova

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mattson-Hamilton at 6:07 p.m.

Timekeeper: Angela Navas

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember McDonald and second by Boardmember Jiang to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

¹ Excused absence.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Bodin and second by Boardmember Navas to approve the October 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes of the Youth Link Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

5. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Items

- Youth Council Report

Mr. Alina introduced the following newly elected Bellevue Youth Council Officers:

Max Navas & Jenny Wang, Co-Presidents
Riyanka Ganguly & Alex Tang, Co-Vice Presidents
Julia Liu & Viktoria Zlatinova, Co-Secretary
Christian Huang, Special Events Coordinator

Youth Council members provided the following report:

- The BYC general meetings have been well attended with over 45 members at each meeting.
 - BYC is planning to be part of the We Day event on March 27, 2013. We Day Seattle will bring together 15,000 young people to celebrate the power of youth to create positive change in their local and global communities.
 - BYC will have an ice skating social next month on December 12 at the Downtown Park.
 - The November 2012 issue of Youth Connection is now available.
- Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following items:

- Crossroads Community Center with Aldersgate Church will sponsor the Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner on November 20 to low-income and homeless families in Bellevue.
- The annual holiday event at Crossroads Community Center with Santa and Mrs. Clause will be held on December 20.
- Massive Monkees will be performing at Odle Middle School on November 16.
- The Bellevue Youth Theater production of “Annie” begins November 24.
- All young people between the ages of 15 to 25 are invited to join the Youth Voices Against Violence Audio Contest.

- Youth Link Board Retreat

Ms. Stephens distributed the notes from the October 21 Board Retreat. Boardmembers discussed ways to implement a fee-based curriculum and ideas for attracting an audience for this type of program. The following is a list of suggested subject matter for courses:

- Empathy
- Multiple “rock star” speakers
- Finding your voice
- Preparing for college essay writing

Co-Chair Mattson-Hamilton suggested that Boardmembers debate the following items:

- What subject matter is marketable?
- What type of curriculum should be offered?
- How should the program be advertised?

Boardmembers agreed that a Curriculum Committee and Fundraising Committee be formed. Curriculum Committee Members include: Annie Cheng (Chair), Po Bodin, Jenny Kim, and Brian McDonald. Fundraising Committee Members include: Angela Navas (Chair), Ryley Martin, Michelle Mattson-Hamilton, Xiaoning Jiang, and Olivia Gonzalez.

B. Study Session Items

- Youth Link Work Plan Review

Boardmembers reviewed the Eastside Pathways memorandum and suggested that items #2 and #3 be clarified to reflect that the Youth Link Board will act as a recruitment center for assisting Eastside Pathways in finding youth members to sit on their Board.

Motion by Co-Chair Kim and second by Boardmember Jiang to approve the Eastside Pathways memorandum with the clarification to items #2 and #3 noted above. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- Youth Link Youth Involvement Conference Priorities

Ms. Stephens reviewed the priorities identified at the Youth Link Youth Involvement Conference. The priorities include:

- Careers
- Healthier food
- Bike lanes
- Awareness of recreation activities
- Light rail

Ms. Stephens will prepare a memorandum to clarify the priorities including the arching priorities, priority meaning, and voting sheet for the priorities, and bring the information to the next Board meeting.

Motion by Boardmember Cheng and second by Boardmember Jiang to adopt the above list of priorities. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Once the memorandum is prepared, Boardmembers will present the information to City Council.

- Youth Link Board Committees

In lieu of a December Board meeting, Boardmembers agreed to conduct committee meetings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on the next meeting date (December 12). Then, Boardmembers will tour the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

C. Board Communication and Announcements

None.

6. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Bodin and second by Boardmember Cheng to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).